

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

ALMA E. ANAYA
LUIS ARROYO, JR.
SCOTT R. BRITTON
JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER
BRIDGET DEGNEN
BRIDGET GAINER
BRANDON JOHNSON
BILL LOWRY

DONNA MILLER
STANLEY MOORE
KEVIN B. MORRISON
SEAN M. MORRISON
PETER N. SILVESTRI
DEBORAH SIMS
LARRY SUFFREDIN
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK**

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

County Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Arroyo and Deer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

1. Sherri Runner – Concerned Citizen
2. Attorney Jacques Jones

CONSENT CALENDAR

**19-1890
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE LIFE OF RAQUEL GUERRERO, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND
FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ASOCIACIÓN PRO DERECHOS OBREROS**

WHEREAS, Raquel Guerrero was a leader, organizer, and activist in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, her efforts to support education, culture, and social justice will continue to have a long-lasting impact on her community; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1960's, she played an instrumental role in the boycott and occupation of Froebel High School, then a satellite branch of Harrison High School; and

WHEREAS, these actions were meant to protest against the lack of resources for the school and led to historic walkouts organized by both African-American and Mexican-American students; and

WHEREAS, these walkouts started an education reform movement in Pilsen between parents, clergy, and activists that led to the efforts towards the first public high school in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, as a result, in 1972, Mrs. Guerrero and hundreds of other community members delivered petitions to the Chicago Board of Education and made a case for a public high school which is now known as Benito Juarez Community Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Guerrero's education efforts continued as she organized residents and advocated for funding to establish Pilsen's local branch of the Chicago Public Library, which was named for critical community figure, Rudy Lozano; and

WHEREAS, Raquel Guerrero also contributed to establishing Fiesta del Sol, one of the largest summer festivals in the Midwest which has drawn visitors for over 45 years and is emblematic of the Mexican-American community in Pilsen; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mrs. Guerrero was a founding member of Asociación Pro Derechos Obreros, a workers' rights organization with an important history as a resource for the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Guerrero arrived to the United States from Mexico in the 1960's and made Pilsen her home until her passing on February 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Raquel Guerrero was the beloved mother of nine (9) children, grandmother to 36 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and devoted spouse to the late Jose Acosta Guerrero; and

WHEREAS, known for her strength and compassion, Raquel Guerrero's legacy will live on through the lasting impact her work will have on the Pilsen community for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the life and work of cherished community leader Raquel Guerrero; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Raquel Guerrero's family and to the Asociación Pro Derechos Obreros as a symbol of condolence and recognition of her dedication.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1763
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON, LARRY SUFFREDIN,
PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LATE BISHOP CARLIS L. MOODY, SR.

WHEREAS, Bishop Carlis L. Moody, Sr. was born December 16, 1934 to Mr. Booker T. and Geneva Moody, in the city of Tifton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, as Bishop Moody was married to Mary Alice in September 1955, and their union was blessed with one (1) daughter, Missionary Sideary King, three (3) sons, Pastor Carlis Moody, Jr., Bishop Anthony Moody, Sr., and Minister Jeffrey Moody; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Moody had a total of 12 grandchildren and three (3) great grandchildren and was revered in the community as a father to the fatherless, a mentor, and surrogate parent to many; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Moody accepted the call to preach in July 1946 in the city of Waukegan, Illinois, and was ordained four (4) years later by the late Church of God in Christ (COGIC) Bishop W. M. Roberts. At the age of 16, he established a small church in Waukegan on Market Street and incorporated that congregation into St. James Temple Church of God in Christ in North Chicago, Illinois, where he served as youth pastor and district Sunday School superintendent from 1952 until 1957; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mother Sadie Adams and her son Bishop Eugene Adams went to Bishop L. H. Ford and asked him to send Bishop Moody to Evanston, Illinois to open Faith Temple on January 7, 1957. And, since that time, the congregation grew from six (6) persons to over 200 families, and over 500 members; and

WHEREAS, after attending Moody Bible Institute in 1970, Bishop Moody began to minister in over 38 countries; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Moody served as vice president of the Black Ministers Alliance of Evanston for two (2) years. He also served as a member of the Curriculum Council for the Evanston Township High School for one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Bishop Moody was appointed COGIC's International President of the Home and Foreign Missions Department, which reaches into over 57 countries. In that capacity, he headed all mission work of the COGIC in foreign countries as well as in the United States and served as the Jurisdictional Bishop of Germany; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Pentecostal World Conference where he served for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, while maintaining his missionary work around the world, Bishop Moody stayed active in Evanston as well. In addition to leading hundreds each Sunday in church, Bishop Moody established a Nursing Home Ministry, Food Pantry, and Prison Ministry to service the community. He offered Faith Temple Church as a home church for 11 years to the Drug Rehabilitation Centers in Evanston and Chicago, helping men and women fight addiction and reduce recidivism. The Faith Temple congregation ministered in their community through radio for 13 years and on television for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in September 1980 Bishop Moody established "Faith Christian Academy," now serving students in kindergarten through eighth grades. He spearheaded the Academy as a means to enrich the lives of young people in the Evanston north shore area and to foster respect, compassion, honesty, and service; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Bishop Moody was consecrated as Missionary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, in January 1996, and in recognition of Bishop Moody's leadership and outstanding service to humanity, the City of Evanston designated a portion of Dewey Avenue as Honorary Bishop Carlis L. Moody Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on the May 7, 2005 Bishop Moody was bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Divinity by the Interdenominational Theological Center and Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2007 there was a service held for the renaming of the J.W. Markham District to the Bishop Carlis L. Moody District. This District comes under First Jurisdiction of Illinois Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS Bishop Carlis L. Moody made his transition on January 12, 2019 bringing to completion an exemplary life of service, dedication, and faith to the people of Cook County, the State of Illinois and many municipalities across the nation and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Bishop Moody's life of service and monumental contributions to humanity, and herewith honors Bishop Moody for bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois and throughout the word; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Faith Temple Church and to the family of Bishop Carlis L. Moody Sr.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1824
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, ALMA E. ANAYA,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,
BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING DR. CAROL L. ADAMS

"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them." -Maya Angelou

WHEREAS, Dr. Carol L. Adams is founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Urban Prescriptive, Inc., a consulting firm that specializes in program and organizational development for enterprises engaged in educational, social, political, and cultural practice. This venture merges the diverse experiences that comprise her remarkable career and her commitment to asset-based, culture-centered models for social change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carol L. Adams was a high school civil rights activist who became President of CORE in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 16. She was a founding member of The Catalyst, the Association of Black Sociologists, the Ujima Learning Center, the Illinois Council on Black Studies, and a driving force behind many other organizations and movements. Past positions include: Executive Director of Northeastern Illinois University's Center for Inner City Studies, Director of African American Studies at Loyola University and President and CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carol L. Adams, has astutely moved from theory to action in several key positions, implementing evidence-based practice and informing practice-based evidence in everyone. Among them: President and CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History, Secretary of the Department of Human Services for the State of Illinois, Executive Director of the House of Blues Foundation, Director of Resident Services and Programs for the Chicago Housing Authority, Director of Northeastern Illinois University's Center for Inner City Studies; and Director of African American Studies at Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carol L. Adams branding campaigns are ubiquitous and include: "Du Something" for the DuSable Museum, "Bring It on Home" for the University of Chicago Obama Library campaign, "I've Got Next" for Next Level Health, "Don't Shoot, I Wanna Grow Up" for Ceasefire; and "Be The Change" for the Chicago Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby stand, and salute the effectual, powerful and tireless work of Dr. Carol L. Adams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Dr. Carol L. Adams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1825
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

HONORING DR. LENA J. McLIN

As Paul the Apostle, teaches about individual responsibility he says these words in Ephesians 5:19, “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”

WHEREAS, Dr. Lena J. McLin was born September 5, 1928 in Atlanta, Georgia, to the union of Benjamin J. Johnson and Bernice Dorsey. Where Dr. McLin's close childhood friends were Martin Luther King, Jr. and his sister Christine King Farris; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lena J. McLin at the tender age of five, was sent to Chicago to live with her uncle, Thomas A. Dorsey, better known as the father of gospel music; where she attended McCosh Elementary School and served as a young accompanist for her uncle's famed Pilgrim Baptist Church choir; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lena J. McLin, moved back to Atlanta, Georgia and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1947, then enrolled at Spelman College, and earned her Bachelor of Music degree in 1951. She later returned to Chicago and studied at the American Conservatory of Music, Roosevelt University, and Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lena J. McLin, began her teaching career at Julius H. Hess Upper Grade Center in 1959. She transferred to Hubbard High School in 1960. Moving forward she founded “The McLin Ensemble” and the “McLin Opera Company”. She went on to teach at John Marshall Harlan High School from 1963 to 1970, leaving to go teach at the new Kenwood Academy. During her tenure at Kenwood Academy, Dr. McLin created a pilot curriculum that included all genres of music, from classical to popular, which helped to launch the careers of Chaka Khan, Mark Rucker, Nicole Heaston Lane; jazz singers Maggie Brown and Tammy McCann; Tony Award and Emmy Award winner Mandy Patinkin.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby stand, and salute the gifted work of Dr. Lena J. McLin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Dr. Lena J. McLin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1826
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING DR. ALICE FAYE MCCANN

“And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Faye McCann, over four (4) decades ago married Arthur L. McCann, a former Chicago Police officer who retired with the rank of Sargent. As a result of this union they have enjoyed raising three (3) daughters: Tammy McCann-Simpkins, Allison McCann-Stevenson, and April McCann, they were fortunate to have the love of five (5) grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Faye McCann on any given day brought joy and sunshine into the office of the Chicago Board of Elections. She was well known as “A Community Builder” and “Ms. Glamorous”. She loved people and loved being the advocate to the voiceless and that which society deemed invisible. She always made sure to bring a sense of pride to the office. She continuously gained the respect of her peers, and was often the preferred staff person requested by election day judges, committeeman, and advocacy groups because she always made them feel like their needs were a priority; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Faye McCann was blessed with several gifts and talents, she became a writer, business owner, floral and interior designer, motivational speaker and community activist. A servant to all mankind, Dr. McCann is a Licensed Evangelist/Missionary who is committed to the uplifting of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Faye McCann in the early 1970s served on the South Shore Commission as a Board Member, she received the Bringing Sunshine into Children’s Lives Award from ABJ Community Services, and recognition for Outstanding Service from the Negro Federated Women Myrtle A. McKenzie Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Faye McCann retired from the Board of Elections in November 2013 after many years of dedicated service. She has been committed to fulfilling her lifelong passion of restoration of the family and community. Today, she can be found convening meetings that raise awareness about the crisis of young black boys, struggles within our communities and the growth and development of church membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby stand, and salute the awesome service of Dr. Alice Faye McCann; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Dr. Alice Faye McCann; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1898
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CONGRATULATING RICHARD J. NOGAL ON BEING AWARDED THE ILLINOIS STATE
BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BURROUGHS AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education created the Burroughs Award in 1991 in memory of its late Chairman Thomas Lay Burroughs; and

WHEREAS, the Burroughs Award recognizes extraordinary local leadership, in particular in advancing student learning and educational excellence, expanding equal educational opportunities, and resolving major crises or difficulties; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Nogal has exemplified leadership during his tenure as President of the Consolidated High School District 230 School Board over the last six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Nogal's history of public and community service spans more than two (2) decades. Prior to serving as President of District 230, he served as a community volunteer on the Student Services Committee for four (4) years as well as serving on the Palos Community Consolidated Board of Education District 118 School Board for eight (8) years. Further, he has also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Palos Community Hospital, as a Trustee and Commissioner of the Palos Fire Protection District, and Chairman of the Our Lady of the Woods Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Nogal instills a culture of collaboration at District 230 by establishing a school board committee structure comprised of board members, administrators, teachers and community members who meet monthly to share insights that guide the Board's annual goals; and

WHEREAS, further demonstrating his collaborative nature, Richard created ‘Community Connections’, meetings that bring together partner school boards, mayors, police and fire chiefs, and township and county officials in dialogue to improve and uplift their communities collectively; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Nogal is the 27th School Board President to be honored with the Illinois State Board of Education’s Burroughs Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Richard J. Nogal be congratulated on this outstanding achievement, and on his continued commitment and dedication to the students of Consolidated High School District 230 and the field of education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Richard J. Nogal, the Consolidated High School District 230 School Board, and spread upon the proceedings of this honorably body.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1719
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE PETER SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING DINO’S PIZZA AND ITALIAN RESTAURANT ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Dino’s Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 7004 West. Higgins in Chicago, has been a family-owned and operated restaurant since 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dino Borrini arrived to America from Italy in 1956 and learned much of his craft working with other immigrants at Father and Son Pizza on the South Side; and

WHEREAS, the first Dino’s was at Armitage and Tripp in what is now Hermosa. Dino’s made the move north to Norwood Park in 1968; and

WHEREAS, all recipes at Dino's have been handed down from Dino and his wife, Tina, to their daughters, Bianca and Bruna, who are currently carrying on the family tradition at the restaurant along with their husbands, Joe and Darek; and

WHEREAS, in addition to carrying on Dino's recipes, his descendants are also carrying on Dino's traditions of kindness and respect for the customer; and

WHEREAS, Dino's Pizza is known for its thin-crust, tavern-style pizza, using a sauce that is neither too sweet nor too tart, and its sausage-a zesty special blend that's heavy with fennel-has developed a virtual cult following; and

WHEREAS, Dino's menu has grown over the years to include salads, sandwiches, appetizers, and a full range of Italian dinners, in addition to providing catering and banquet facilities; and

WHEREAS, Dino's old-school dining room remains intact, yet its menu has adapted well to changing dietary needs, including offerings such as vegan cheese and gluten-free crusts; and

WHEREAS, Dino's grandson, Joey Henniges, started bussing tables when he was 14 and is now a third-generation pizza maker with great respect for the tradition his grandparents built; and

WHEREAS, another of Dino's grandsons, Kevin Morrison, was recently elected to the Cook County Board, but he will always call Dino's home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Dino's Pizza and Italian Restaurant on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dino's family in honor of its long history on Chicago's Northwest Side.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1875
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN,**

**BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REMEMBERING REV. JAMES BASS

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Reverend James Bass of Chicago from our midst on November 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James Bass was born May 7, 1920 in Ruleville, Mississippi. He was the oldest of six (6) children born to the union of Frank and Hattie Bell Bass; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass was called into the ministry at the age of six; the children from neighboring farms gathered in one house on Sunday evenings to play church; he would conduct the services rendering the sermon, praying and singing; he ministered at the funeral of “anything that died” and was repeatedly referred to as the “The Preacher Boy”; he accepted Christ as his personal Savior on a Tuesday in August 1929 and was baptized in the Sunflower River; he became a faithful and dedicated young man as he grew in wisdom and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 14, Reverend Bass became the custodian at his church he attended Ruleville Jr. High School from 1934 through 1936; in 1938 he preached his first sermon at Mt. Laton Baptist church entitled “Preaching as the Fire Burns”; he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1941; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, Reverend Bass was drafted into the United States Army, where he served his country for three (3) years during World War II; he continued his ministry during this time, speaking and teaching to fellow soldiers. He was promoted to Corporal in 1944 and was sent with his division to the South Pacific, India and New Guinea, where his division was joined by the 92nd infantry amidst fierce fighting; he became the chaplain on the field and conducted worship services and delivered the mail; he was discharged on June 7, 1945 and received an array of medals; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass began his freshman year at Tugaloo College in 1948, majoring in History; he attended the Mississippi Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi in 1951 and became the Pastor of the Mt. Israel Baptist Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where he sponsored a broadcast for the senior citizens, the sick and shut-ins; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1955, Reverend Bass conducted a revival at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan; he made a stop in Chicago to visit his brother Harry, and his sister, Mamie; he preached at the Greater Door Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1956, a small mission was started and rapidly grew in numbers; the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago was organized in September of 1956; in February 1957, Reverend Bass returned to Chicago; he commuted between Chicago and Mississippi twice a month, but soon permanently relocated to Chicago; he served six (6) years as a Pastor in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Reverend Bass married Helyn Maxcine Julius; the couple was blessed with a son Vincent and a daughter Vikkeda; and

WHEREAS; Reverend Bass served as the Pastor of Mt. Olive for 45 years and would quote this scripture; “I am crucified with Christ; Nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God. (Galatians 2:20) Therefore, I am a servant committed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that we mourn the passing of Reverend James Bass and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends and all who knew and loved him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Reverend. Bass as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1876
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT DONALDSON

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Dr. Robert B. Donaldson from our midst on December 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert B. Donaldson, a Full Professor of Public Administration in the College of Business and Public administration at Governors State University and Director of the Master of Public Administration Programs (MPA) and Master Thesis Projects, was a man on the mission; his mission was to inspire his students, colleagues, neighbors and citizens of Hazel Crest, Illinois to become more intimately involved in the political processes that govern our collective lives; esteemed by his peers and students, Dr. Donaldson was the recipient of the 2000 and 2002 Student Recognition Award; 1998 and 2002 Faculty Excellence Award; 1996 University Community Service Award from Governors State University; 1995 and 1998 University Student Service Award; 1996 University Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, leading by example, Dr. Donaldson in addition to teaching, administrative duties, and Program Director of the MPA Program at Governors State University; served as a Senior Commissioner on the Public Building Commission (PBC) of Chicago where he oversaw the construction and renovation of myriad municipal facility with a total value of over \$1 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson made history in Illinois on March 1, 1983; he was named the first African American in the County of Cook (Illinois) to be appointed to the Public Building Commission of Chicago; Commissioner Donaldson served 30 years for the citizens of Cook County on the Public Building Commission; He served five (5) terms and was appointed by former Presidents George W. Dunne, Richard Phelan, John Stroger, Jr. and Todd Stroger; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Community Action Services, Inc. (CASI), a minority-owned, not-for-profit school bus transportation company; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson was elected in April 1989-1993 as Village Trustee for the Village of Hazel Crest; he was appointed President Pro Tempore and was a member of the AD Hoc Committee on Boards and Commissions; in 1979 he became the first African American to be appointed to the Village of Hazel Crest's Zoning Board of Appeals where he served for 10 years; and.

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson was elected Mayor Hazel Crest, Illinois on April 5, 2005; His Vision Party, which he founded, made history in Hazel Crest politics; 18 of the 19 candidates won their seats; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson served as Board Member of School District #228 (Bremen Township) in Midlothian, Illinois for four (4) years and was Chairman of the Finance Committee, Personnel Committee and served on the Collective Bargaining Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donaldson was a graduate of Florida A&M University, Roosevelt and Western Michigan Universities; his was an active and 2004 charter member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Chicago South Suburban Chapter (Chi Lambda Lambda), Hazel Crest, Illinois; he was a member of numerous organizations including the American Society for Public Administration, National Association of Public Affairs and Administration, Conference of Minority Public Administrators, Illinois School Transportation, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association of Southern Cook County, and Southland Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that we mourn the passing of Dr. Robert B. Donaldson and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends and all who knew and loved him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Robert B. Donaldson as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1757
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,
BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE REDEDICATION OF EBENEZER PRIMM TOWERS IN EVANSTON, AND
HONORING THE LEGACY OF REVEREND JACOB S. BLAKE**

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Primm Towers was the first church sponsored federally funded housing project in a major suburban area. It was rededicated on Sunday, July 30, 2017. At its rededication, the community honored the Reverend Jacob S. Blake's pivotal role in making Ebenezer Primm Towers a reality and the powerful legacy of Reverend Blake and Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church; and

WHEREAS, for decades, prior to arriving in Evanston, Reverend Blake was a leader and a major force for good in the region battling profound injustices, such as redlining, housing discrimination, education inequity and busing. In Evanston, in addition to so many other issues, he worked tirelessly to establish affordable housing for the senior citizens in Evanston, where rents were rising rapidly. The result was the establishment of Ebenezer Primm Towers, which has a proud history that is a reflection of Reverend Blake and his intense determination and strong leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Primm Towers came about in an unprecedented real estate deal with Northwestern University. Reverend Blake and Ebenezer AME Church purchased land owned by the university at 25% below market value for \$75,000.00 According to university officials, Northwestern sold the land to the church to foster good community relations and to dispel the notion that the university only expanded in black communities. The Northwestern Black Student Union, the Black Ensemble of Northwestern and the African American Community in Evanston put pressure on the University to sell the land. But there was a catch to the deal, if construction didn't start within 24 months of the sale, Northwestern University could buy the property back. With the clock ticking, funds were raised via several sources. The church got a loan to buy the land and received a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to help finance the \$500,000.00 construction project. The rest was raised by the community that pulled together to make the dream a reality; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Levy, owner of a Buick car dealership at the time, donated a brand new Buick to be auctioned off to raise money for the project. The church held fundraisers which included selling dinners, hosting basketball tournaments, and events at the Ebenezer AME Church 90th Anniversary Gala. To ensure that housing for the elderly remained a priority in Evanston, John Young, Urban Planner of Evanston at the time worked with a committee to create a special zoning district for that purpose. Ebenezer Primm Towers was dedicated July 1973 and residents moved in soon after; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Blake's widow Patricia G. Blake and sons Justin S. Blake and Jacob S. Blake Jr. were in attendance at the rededication of Ebenezer Primm Towers along with members of Ebenezer AME Church, other family members and friends; the community honored Reverend Jacob S. Blake's crucial role in making Ebenezer Primm Towers a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the rededication of Ebenezer Primm Towers and herewith honors the progress and impact that Reverend Blake's work has done bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Reverend Blake.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1884
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,
BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LATE WILLIAM “BILL” EARL QUIGLEY

WHEREAS, William “Bill” Earl Quigley was born on January 26, 1927 in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley was abandoned as a baby in an orphanage and adopted by a poor family in the middle of the Depression; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley believed that the difficult times in his life instilled in him an ethic to be productive, to work hard, to seek to do the right thing, and to believe in the potential of success, values he passed to his children; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley completed high school and entered Purdue University. As he was starting his sophomore year, he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean War where he served in the Signal Corps. There he learned technology including satellite and microwave communications that were then in their infancy; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Bill Quigley spent his career working for AT&T as a supervising engineer. He was a member of the Communications Workers of America. He was transferred and promoted to the Chicago area and moved to Ottawa, Illinois upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley did volunteer work at a homeless shelter in Ottawa and served on the Ottawa Planning Commission. He was a longtime tinkerer with an interest in electronics that included building his family’s first color television; and

WHEREAS, true to his Indiana roots, Bill Quigley was what his family described as a “fanatical” Indianapolis 500 fan and attended races at the Brickyard for more than 60 years, wearing victory-flag checkered socks while running stopwatches on the lead cars; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley was also an avid chess player and learned to play the game before he learned to read; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley married Joan Louise Deputy in 1951 in Augusta, Georgia. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley is the father of former Cook County Commissioner and current United States Representative. Mike Quigley who represents Illinois’ 5th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his son and wife, he is survived by his daughters Chris (Rex) Benson and Linda Quigley; his daughter-in-law Betty Quigley; and six (6) grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents William E. (1952) and Lillian I. Quigley (1934); his sister, Barbara Quigley (1998); and by his son, Daniel P. Quigley (2017), a former employee of the Cook County Assessor’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating William “Bill”

Earl Quigley's life and his many contributions bettering the lives of and citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of William "Bill" Earl Quigley.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1756
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATLAS TOOL WORKS, INC.

WHEREAS, in December of 2018, Atlas Tool Works, Inc. celebrated their 100th Anniversary, a remarkable milestone for a Cook County business located in Lyons, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Atlas Tool Works is a world-class precision manufacturing facility offering a broad array of metal manufacturing services to numerous global companies; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Mottl, who immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe, worked at Western Electric's Hawthorne Plant in nearby Cicero, Illinois before founding the company in 1918 in Chicago, Illinois focusing on the telecommunications industry; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Mottl's two (2) children inherited the business from their father, with his daughter in law making an extraordinary impact as a leading woman in the 1970s, paving the way for women in the manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Atlas Tool Works moved to its present location, Lyons, Illinois, and now occupies over 70,000 square feet of manufacturing space with over 70 employees; and

WHEREAS, for four (4) generations, Atlas Tool Works has forged relationships with the world's leading companies, expanding initiatives and providing equipment to the defense, aerospace, medical, electronics, and industrial businesses; and

WHEREAS, Atlas Tool Works' values of service, commitment, and integrity have helped create the framework for its extensive success in the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby express our gratitude and congratulations to Atlas Tool Works, Inc. in Celebration of its 100th Anniversary and extend our very best wishes for the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to Atlas Tool Works, Inc. to demonstrate the County's support for their continued success.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1912
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, ALMA E. ANAYA,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,
BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE COOK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, dangerously cold temperatures hit Cook County and the Midwest area beginning late Tuesday, January 29 and lasting until Thursday, January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, various Cook County stakeholders came together to prepare and inform Cook County residents of the necessary measures to take with the extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2019, a vital decision was made to open suburban Cook County courthouses to assist our residents and provide them a safe haven during the extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, the courthouses in Markham, Bridgeview, Maywood, Skokie and Rolling Meadows were opened as 24 hour warming centers during the extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, at least 12 residents stayed overnight with additional intermittent residents seeking warmth at the courthouses; and

WHEREAS, the quick actions of the Cook County Department of Facilities Management, as well as other employees of the Bureau of Asset Management, were of utmost importance during this critical time; and

WHEREAS, staff at Skokie and Rolling Meadows stayed overnight, including the Sheriff's Office who provided individuals with food, sleeping materials, and called local groups to assist the elderly residents who sought refuge at the courthouses; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is grateful for the wonderful service provided to the residents of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize and honor the Cook County Department of Facilities Management for their above and beyond service to the residents of Cook County at such critical time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Cook County Department of Facilities Management as a means of communicating our appreciation.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1913
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF CLIFF KELLEY AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
CHICAGO RADIO**

WHEREAS, after more than two (2) decades of contribution to Chicago radio, news analyst and radio talk show host Cliff Kelley is set to retire from Chicago's premier urban talk radio station, WVON, on March 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Chicago's South Side, Cliff Kelley is a graduate of Englewood High School, Roosevelt University and John Marshall Law School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a distinguished radio talk show host, Cliff Kelley is a veteran, an attorney and a former member of the City Council of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Kelley is also known for being the first African American to serve as the vice president of the Young Democrats of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Cliff Kelley was elected to alderman of the 20th Ward and served the residents of the City of Chicago for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in Chicago City Council, Cliff Kelley was an advocate for racial equality, an elected school board and a pioneer for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) rights; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Kelley introduced the Chicago City Council's first proposed Ordinance to ban discrimination because of sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, even though the proposed Ordinance failed to pass, it was the precursor for the City's Human Rights Ordinance which passed in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Cliff Kelley began his career as a radio talk show host with WGCI-AM; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Kelley transitioned to WVON's morning drive show host in 1994, cultivating a following by bringing in politicians, candidates, political reporters, consultants, community groups and many others who want to reach the African American community; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Cliff Kelley became the afternoon drive show host where he continued to be a staple in the African American community and Chicago radio; and

WHEREAS, retirement does not mean Cliff Kelley will be away from Chicago radio listeners; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Kelley will remain the host of the independently produced American Heroes broadcast that aims to empower and connect the Armed Forces and veterans to help mitigate the challenges veterans face; and

WHEREAS, Cliff will be missed by his afternoon listeners throughout Cook County and by his colleagues and friends at WVON.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do recognize Cliff Kelley for all that he has contributed to Cook County and Chicago radio, and wish him all the best on his retirement and future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Cliff Kelley as a means of communicating our appreciation.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1901
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ROBERT SADOWSKI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Robert Sadowski from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Robert Sadowski was the loving and adored husband of Marirose (nee Rodorigo) for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Sadowski was the amazing father of Jeffrey, Mark (Holly Goline), and Jonathan (Melissa Woodbury); and

WHEREAS, Robert Sadowski was the much-loved grandfather of Luke, Noah, Raffaella, and Eli; and

WHEREAS, Robert Sadowski was the beloved son of the late Irene (Czerniak) and the late Joseph Sadowski; and

WHEREAS, Robert Sadowski was the dear brother of Kenneth; and

WHEREAS, Robert Sadowski had a passion for hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Robert Sadowski was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Robert Sadowski, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Robert Sadowski, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1903
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,**

**PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COOK COUNTY
INTERNATIONAL TRADE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM'S SISTER COUNTY PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND COUNTY CORK, IRELAND**

WHEREAS, in 1995 Cook County launched the International Trade Partnership Program to promote trade and investment between Cook County and strategic partner regions around the world, to foster bilateral trade and to provide a linkage between overseas and local firms; and

WHEREAS, in March 1998 a delegation from County Cork, Ireland made their first visit to Cook County, Illinois to participate in a series of government, business and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, in July 1999 a delegation of government and business leaders from Cook County, Illinois traveled to County Cork, Ireland for an economic, educational and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 1999 at a Cork County Council meeting, the Cook County, Illinois - County Cork, Ireland, Sister County Partnership Agreement was signed; and

WHEREAS, in October 2000 the Partners with Ireland Committee was established to facilitate the International Trade Partnership Program with regions in Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and County Cork have worked together over the last 20 years to develop and strengthen relations between companies, institutions, organizations and individual entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, government officials representing Cook County and the Cork County Council, along with business leaders from both regions, have since been working to promote bilateral trade in the areas of Information Technology, Biotechnology, Tourism, and small business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership has been responsible for numerous successful ventures over the past two decades including the establishment of a PhD level student exchange program between the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) and the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT); a cooperative agreement leading between technology associations in both regions to provide pro-bono office space to entrepreneurs seeking to establish a presence in Cook County or County Cork; and the sponsorship of a cultural, outdoor adventure and team building program in Ireland for residents of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than five million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Sister County Partnership between Cook County, Illinois and County Cork, Ireland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Cork County Council, as a token of our continued partnership.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1910
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

GREGORY RAMIREZ, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Gregory Ramirez from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ramirez was the amazing father of Anthony (Christine) Ramirez, Alyssa (Kyle Fuller) Ramirez and the late David Ramirez; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ramirez was the much-loved Grandfather of Parker Ramirez; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ramirez was the beloved son of the late George Ramirez and the late Juanita Scarlata; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ramirez was the cherished brother of Cynthia (the late Larry), Mario (Kari), Vince (Marianne); step-brother of Christopher and Timothy; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ramirez served the City of Chicago for 23 years as a Chicago Police Officer and then a Trustee for the Village of Lyons, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Gregory Ramirez was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Gregory Ramirez, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Gregory Ramirez, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1949
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY WOMEN'S CAUCUS HONORING THE FIRST
AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED TO CHICAGO'S CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Anna Langford was born on October 27, 1917 in Springfield, Ohio. Her father, Arthur J. Riggs, died when she was only nine (9) months old and her mother, Alice, died when Langford was eight (8) years old; and

WHEREAS, Langford graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1935. She then attended a trade school to learn office skills and from 1938 to 1956 worked as a typist in the Social Security Office, the Election Commissioners Office and in the Office of the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1956, after studying for 11 years, Langford received her Juris Doctor (JD) degree from John Marshall Law School at Roosevelt University in Chicago and began an extensive career as a civil rights and criminal lawyer; and

WHEREAS, Langford practiced law throughout the State of Illinois, defended civil rights workers in the 1960s and joined Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Chicago civil rights marches. In 1963 and 1964, she provided free legal services in many areas, including the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Langford became the first woman elected to the Chicago City Council where she served three, terms representing the 16th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Langford has received numerous humanitarian and civic awards and honors, including being inducted into the Book of Legends by the Black Women Lawyers Association for her immeasurable contributions to the City of Chicago as a lawyer and a public servant; and

WHEREAS, Anna Langford passed away on September 17, 2008 at the age of 90, and was survived by her son, Larry Langford, three (3) grandchildren and one (1) great-grandchild.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of Black History Month, the Cook County Women's Caucus hereby honors the legacy of Anna Langford, the first African American woman elected to Chicago's City Council.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1902
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS AMERICAN HEART MONTH AND
DECLARING FEBRUARY 21ST GO RED DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the month of February is recognized as American Heart Month; and

WHEREAS, the annual celebration began in 1963 to encourage Americans to join the battle against heart disease and each year a presidential proclamation pays tribute to researchers, physicians, public health professionals and volunteers for their tireless efforts in preventing, treating and researching heart disease, which is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States.; and

WHEREAS, heart disease (including coronary heart disease, hypertension, and stroke) remains the No. 1 cause of death in the United States and cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim more lives each year than all forms of cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease combined; and

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Cook County as well, accounting for just under 10,000 deaths per year (24%) with more than half occurring in suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual incidence of heart attack in the United States is 720,000 new attacks and 335,000 recurrent attacks with Americans suffering a heart attack approximately every 40 seconds; The average age at the first heart attack is 65.6 years for males and 72.0 years for females; and

WHEREAS, although some progress has been made, it's important to make sure all Americans have access to quality care and as a country we should continue to focus on "Life's Simple 7," which refers to the American Heart Association's seven goals of eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, avoiding excess weight, not smoking, and keeping blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar within a healthy range; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all non-Hispanic black adults have some form of cardiovascular disease, 47.7 percent of females and 46.0 percent of males; and

WHEREAS, by 2035, more than 130 million adults, or 45.1% of the United States population, are projected to have some form of cardiovascular disease and total costs of CVD are expected to reach \$1.1 trillion in 2035, with direct medical costs projected to reach \$748.7 billion and indirect costs estimated to reach \$368 billion; and

WHEREAS, hospitals and health systems around the country celebrate American Heart Month by helping to raise awareness in their communities about heart disease, with staff wearing red and volunteers knitting or crocheting pint-sized red hats for newborns, as well as holding free screenings and heart health awareness events; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and their staff participated in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/automated external defibrillator (AED) training generously provided by Illinois Heart Rescue; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of American Heart Month and heart health in Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge American Heart Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with American Heart Month, February 21, 2019 be hereby declared “Go Red Day” in the County of Cook and each County Board Meeting day in February hereafter, and encourages everyone to wear red on such day to create awareness of and in recognition of American Heart Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of American Heart Month.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1918
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF VIRGIL M. POOLE SR.

WHEREAS, Virgil M. Poole Sr. was born December 10, 1920 in Birmingham, Alabama, to Joseph and Mary Poole; and

WHEREAS, Virgil was raised to believe in God, education and self-reliance and at an early age became a member of Berean Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, as a man Virgil received education at Roosevelt University and the University of Chicago and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; and

WHEREAS, Virgil joined the United States Army Air Forces and served in World War II in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen as a Chief Intelligence Specialist and Aid to Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, after his service in World War II he joined the Chicago “DODO” Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, the Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 311 and the American Legion; he was proud to have served his country and remained active in-service related causes throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Sr. went to work for the Chicago Park District and later became a member of the Chicago Police Department becoming Chief of Security for the Chicago Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Virgil married Barbara Gushiniere and would have a son from this union, Mr. Virgil M. Poole Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Virgil later married Haweda Irving and became a stepfather to Carleda and Stephanie and throughout his life was most proud of being a husband and father; and

WHEREAS, his interest in helping others led him to start the Illinois Law Enforcement School and Security Unlimited Enterprises, Inc., where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and provided security for the National Football League (NFL); and

WHEREAS, Virgil went on to become the Chief of Police of Harvey, Illinois and ended his exemplary career as an Investigator for the Cook County Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Virgil M. Poole Sr. was called to rest on August 29, 2018, leaving behind his beloved wife Haweda, his son Virgil M. Poole, Jr., his stepdaughters Carleda and Stephanie, four (4) grandchildren and five (5) great grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honors Virgil M. Poole Sr. for his illustrious and trailblazing career and his service to the country, the community and to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Virgil M. Poole Sr.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1925
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE AMAZING LIFE OF SUE ISH

WHEREAS, Sue Barnett Ish was born on February 3, 1920 in Boynton, Oklahoma, the first born of Etta Moten and Curtis Brooks and later her sisters, Gladys and Etta Vee were born; and

WHEREAS, after a brief marriage, Sue's mother returned to her home with her three (3) daughters in Kansas City, where Sue's grandfather Reverend Freeman Moten and wife Ida helped to raise the three (3) daughters so her mother could attend University of Kansas and pursue a professional career as a concert singer and performing artist; and

WHEREAS, in 1934, Sue's mother married Claude Barnett, founder of Associate Negro Press and he adopted the three (3) daughters; at the age of 16, Sue graduated from Lincoln High School in Kansas City and attended the Historically Black Talladega College where she met her future husband Stanley Ish Jr.; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Talladega, Sue attended the University of Chicago Masters program to study English Literature; however, her advanced education was interrupted when she and Stanley Ish Jr. married and moved to Marion Arkansas and later Memphis, Tennessee where Stanley practiced medicine as a surgeon and in 1951 Sue gave birth to their only child, Etta Sue Ish; and

WHEREAS, it was in Memphis that Sue became very active as a civil rights advocate as Memphis was racially segregated at the time and Sue was very involved in the organized boycotts and sit-ins as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of colored people (NAACP), Urban League and other civil rights organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, her husband passed away after a battle with lung cancer and Sue and her daughter Etta Sue returned to her parents' home in Chicago, Illinois, and at the age of 45, Sue began a career with the City of Chicago as an Assistant Director of several Neighborhood Service Centers, which was an outgrowth of the Model Cities Program; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Erwin France, Sue became an exceptional manager and enjoyed working in the various communities assisting residents that needed social services. Her staff always remarked that she was firm but fair and very dedicated to relieving those that suffered the most and retired at the age of 73 only because the program ended; and

WHEREAS, Sue continued to be an active volunteer with several organizations including a tour guide at the Field Museum and she currently donates to various causes and especially enjoys supporting the National Museum of African American History, as well as being a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and the Soka Gakkai International (SGI), which is a lay Buddhist organization; and

WHEREAS, Sue was an active tennis player until the age of 80 and is currently very health conscious watching her diet and exercising regularly. She still wears high heeled shoes and enjoys high fashion and is an avid reader staying abreast of current events and loves to engage in political debates; and

WHEREAS, Sue is currently supported by her daughter and son-in-law who live with her and has two (2) grandsons, Stanley aged 34 and Mose (Jeff) 27; and

WHEREAS, Sue continues to be active with her favorite women's social group including The Friday Club and The Northeasterners, where she celebrated her 99th birthday with them on February 2nd

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honors Sue Ish for her amazing life and career as well as her service to the community and to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Ms. Sue Ish.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1940
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,**

**DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JERRY T. JONES FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED LIFE AND
CAREER**

WHEREAS, Jerry T. Jones (born JT Jones) was born on March 25, 1936 in Sledge, Mississippi by way of a midwife; and

WHEREAS, Sledge was predominantly white and more affluent than Falcon where his mother lived, and which was occupied almost entirely by Black people; however, businesses in Falcon were Black owned including a cotton gin, in fact his father in addition to being the man in charge of the local cotton gin operation also owned a restaurant called a “juke joint” and the differences between the two towns had a profound influence on Jerry’s perception of life; and

WHEREAS, when JT was eight (8) years old, his uncle gave him a battery powered radio and he was immediately fascinated by the ability to listen to music and other programs from places as far away as Helena, Arkansas; his interest was so great that at the age of eight (8), he declared that he was going to make radios when he grew up; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1949, JT and his parents migrated from Sledge to Chicago because JT, at the age of 12, had endured an increasing amount of threats from the white community on his life; and

WHEREAS, when JT made it to Chicago, he enrolled at Wendell Phillips high School, located on Chicago's South Side at 39th Street and Prairie Avenue, which served as a bedrock education for JT and he graduated at 16 years old in 1952 as the youngest person in his class; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1952, JT enrolled at the University of Illinois at Navy Pier, which was only a 2-year college at that time, so after finishing there, JT enrolled in night school at the Illinois Institute of Technology’s Chicago campus to continue his education; and

WHEREAS, throughout his college years, JT landed several jobs that were very instrumental to his life; his first job was as a draftsman at Western Electric, which was a subsidiary of AT&T; after a year, JT was able to apply for a job at Argonne National Laboratory, which is owned by the United States Department of Energy, but is operated by the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, after working for two (2) years in the Chemical Engineering Division at Argonne Laboratory, he was offered a job at the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute (IITRI) and while working at IITRI’s Chemical Engineering Division and later their Physics Division, JT received his degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) with concentrations in physics and electrical engineering; and

WHEREAS, during JT's time at the IITRI, he also became active in the civil rights movement, including participating in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama and he also became active in local politics, becoming a precinct Captain in the neighborhood he lived; and

WHEREAS, one of JT's main objectives was to provide jobs for Black men and women on the South Side of Chicago, and so in March of 1966, JT started Sonicraft, an engineering and manufacturing company on the Chicago's South Side; JT's dreams began to come into focus and in 1970, Jerry was awarded the Illinois Small Businessman of the Year award and later would go on to win the largest government contract ever awarded to a small business in 1982 with an estimated value of approximately \$300 Million; and

WHEREAS, while President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sonicraft, JT also sat on the Board of Trustees at IIT, the National Business League, formerly the National Negro Business League, which was founded by Booker T. Washington in 1900, the Advisory Board of the United States Secretary of Treasury, the Regional and National Advisory Board of the United States Small Business Administration, the Advisory Council of the NCAAP. and was also a founder and chairmen of the National Association of Black Manufacturers, which sought to create and foster the development of Black owned businesses, later joining the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers and became a board member of the Chicago Association of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the basement of JT's house, Sonicraft was truly a family affair as Jerry's step father Robert worked at Sonicraft until he retired; JT's son Jerome worked in Sales and Business Development; His son Bretrand worked in Legislative Affairs and Business Development, while his daughter Lara was employed in Human Resources Management, and together they helped grow the company to employ over 500 people; and

WHEREAS, JT currently lives in Lynwood, Illinois in the 6th Cook County District and remains active in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honors Jerry T. Jones for his distinguished and trailblazing career and for his service to the community, the City of Chicago and to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Jerry T. Jones.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, BILL LOWRY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON AND PETER N. SILVESTRI,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

COMMENDING THE RAINBOW PUSH COALITION EXCEL TECH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, every February, Cook County and the nation celebrates Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition is a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-issue, progressive, international organization fighting for social change in multiple cities and platforms; and

WHEREAS, Rainbow PUSH Coalition was formed in 1996 by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. through the merging of People United to Serve Humanity (PUSH) founded in 1971 and the National Rainbow Coalition founded in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Rainbow PUSH Coalition is dedicated to unite progressive people, historically locked out of the mainstream of American politics, into a “coalition of conscience” dedicated to making America more inclusive; and

WHEREAS, Rainbow PUSH Coalition developed the PUSH Excel Tech Program in partnership with US First Robotics to teach students about designing, building, and programming robots; and

WHEREAS, the PUSH Excel Tech Program has provided numerous youth the opportunity to compete in robotics competitions across Cook County, the State of Illinois, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the PUSH Excel Tech Program is recognized nationwide for exposing youth to technology and career tracks which include engineering, programming, technologies, and various sciences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners commemorates the Rainbow PUSH Coalition on its extraordinary efforts to develop and train the next generation of African American science, technology, engineering, and math professionals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be prepared and presented to The Rainbow PUSH Coalition EXCEL Tech Program in recognition of their achievements.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1914
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DENISE R. CARPENTER

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; wishes to recognize the outstanding years of public service of Denise Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, Denise Carpenter is a proven leader in the education and business industries. She earned her Bachelor of Science Education from Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, Denise Carpenter is a retired Chicago Public School teacher with over 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Denise Carpenter is a co-founder and active member of the South Shore Unified Block Club/Business Organization. A community-based organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the South Shore neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Denise Carpenter tirelessly works to improve her neighborhood by organizing community events. As a community leader, Denise plays a vital role in keeping local businesses, property owners, and residents aware of important neighborhood developments; and

WHEREAS, Denise Carpenter serves as a court advocate addressing issues concerning the community, and a proponent for criminal justice reforms; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, Denise Carpenter has served as a volunteer Commissioner for the Calumet/Avalon Heights Commission SSA#50, to implement plans aimed to enhancing the 79th Street Corridor and local businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, Denise Carpenter's dedication to the constituents throughout Cook County and the South Shore community is to be commended for her 26 years as a dedicated resident, property owner, and community leader.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall congratulate Denise Carpenter for her outstanding years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be prepared and presented to Denise Carpenter in recognition of her accomplishments.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1916
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**REMEMBERING LIVES LOST IN PARKLAND, FLORIDA ON THE
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL SHOOTING**

WHEREAS, tragedy struck on February 14, 2018 in Parkland, Florida when a school shooting occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School; and

WHEREAS, 17 individuals senselessly lost their lives in the shooting; and

WHEREAS, many brave students, parents, and community members affected by this tragedy became advocates for sensible and necessary gun control measures; and

WHEREAS, through the advocacy of members of the Parkland community, particularly students that were present at the shooting, the Florida State House passed several gun reform measures for the first time in several decades; and

WHEREAS, the Parkland students were active in planning a national March For Our Lives event in Washington, D.C. on March 24, 2018 with over 800 partner events held across the country with over 1.5 million participants; and

WHEREAS, Parkland students and parents of students who lost their lives have been active in directly lobbying Congress and being an active part of the gun control debate in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Parkland students in collaboration with Chicago students affected by gun violence created the Vote For Our Lives initiative with the intent of engaging young people in the political process by holding voter registration events across the county; and

WHEREAS, this group made it a priority to speak about gun violence in all communities recognizing that this movement needed to be intersectional; and

WHEREAS, Cook County stands with the Parkland community as they still grieve the loss of 17 wonderful students and faculty and all those affected by gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor those who have lost their lives to gun violence and the survivors of gun violence who continue to advocate for important gun control reforms such as comprehensive background checks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution are presented to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1956
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING BLACK FIRE BRIGADE

WHEREAS, Black Fire Brigade is an organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the fire rescue service and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel, to provide continuing education and networking opportunities to members, and preserve the history and heritage of African-American fire and EMS service people; and

WHEREAS, Black Fire Brigade represents members' interest on public issues, discussions, and decisions affecting fire rescue and EMS rescue services, and promotes fundraising for those services; and

WHEREAS, opened in June 2018, Black Fire Brigade's clubhouse is located at 8404 South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago's Ashburn neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the clubhouse serves as a place for mentoring, support, training, historical remembrance and community for Chicago's firefighters, EMS personnel, and the next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, Black Fire Brigade contributes to the community by working to improve employment standards, introducing fire service initiatives, creating opportunities for community collaboration and celebrating art and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize and honor Black Fire Brigade for their contributions to the viability of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Black Fire Brigade as a means of communicating our appreciation.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1957
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE AUSTIN AFRICAN AMERICAN
BUSINESS NETWORKING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Austin African American Business Networking Association, Incorporated (AAABNA) is a nonprofit corporation established in 2003 by Founder and Executive Director Malcolm Crawford and by local business owners; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Crawford and local business owners, proud of their African American heritage, foresaw a need to pool together resources to bring about effective change in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, AAABNA came together to fulfill moral, mental and community obligations, in the hopes that their joint effort could only serve to enhance and ultimately benefit the total community at large; and

WHEREAS, as the Austin community develops and grows, AAABNA members and Board Chairperson Charmaine V. Rickett recognize the need for business opportunities, education, training and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, AAABNA is in partnership with Mayor Emanuel's *Retail Thrive Zone Initiative*, a program aimed at strengthening the economic vitality of the West Side's commercial corridor, utilizing an evolving package of financial assistance to entrepreneurs and businesses offered by the City, building community-based wealth, employment and improved access to amenities in the neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, AAABNA collaborated with the City's Planning and Development Department in 2013 to create a commercial thrive zone initiative called the "Soul City Corridor", stretching along Chicago Avenue from Cicero Avenue to Austin Boulevard, to serve as a cultural touch point where residents and visitors may experience the music and food that is unique to Austin's African-American population via small business development; and

WHEREAS, Austin African American Business Networking Association, Inc. continues to be at the forefront of economic impact by creating and stimulating business growth, and providing advocacy and business education in Chicago's Austin neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honors the Austin African American Business Networking Association, Inc. and praise its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE FOUNDERS AND CO-OWNERS OF VEE-JAY RECORDS, VIVIAN
CARTER-BRACKEN, JAMES BRACKEN AND CALVIN CARTER**

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records was one of the first black-owned American independent record label established in 1953 in Gary, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, its principal office, and longest tenancy, was located at 1449 South Michigan Avenue, today a historic landmark site for that very reason; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records label name was derived from the first name initials of the husband and wife team of Vivian Carter-Bracken (Vee) and James Bracken (Jay); and

WHEREAS, the Brackens along with Vivian's brother, Calvin Carter, prospered Vee-Jay Records into a successful black-owned independent record company specializing in blues, jazz, gospel, rhythm and blues (R&B) and rock and roll; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records produced major acts on the label in the 1950s including blues singers Jimmy Reed, Memphis Slim, and John Lee Hooker, and rhythm and blues vocal groups the Spaniels, the Dells, and the El Dorados; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Vee-Jay Records became a major soul label with Jerry Butler and the Impressions, Gene Chandler, Dee Clark, and Betty Everett having hit singles on both the pop and R&B charts; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records was also the first label to nationally issue a record by The Pips, who eventually became Gladys Knight and the Pips in 1962 when they moved to Fury Records; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records had significant success with pop/rock and roll acts, such as the Four Seasons (their first non-black act) and the Beatles; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records acquired the rights to some of the early recordings by the Beatles through a licensing deal with EMI, as the EMI American affiliate Capitol Records was initially uninterested in the group; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records was the only American label willing to give the Beatles an opportunity in the United States and became the first United States record company to release recordings by the Beatles including "Twist and Shout", "Please Please Me", "From Me to You", "Do You Want to Know a Secret", and "Love Me Do"; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1960s, Vee-Jay Records signed the former successful child singer Jimmy Boyd, known for the hit "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus", ventured into folk music with Hoyt Axton and New Wine Singers, and also picked up Little Richard who re-recorded his special hits and recorded (1965) "I Don't Know What You've Got (But It's Got Me)", an R&B success with Jimi Hendrix, Don Covay, Bernard Purdie, Ronny Miller, and Billy Preston; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records' jazz line accounted for a small portion of the company's releases, recording artists such as Wynton Kelly, Lee Morgan, Eddie Harris, and Wayne Shorter; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records also had a major gospel line, recording such acts as the Staple Singers, the Argo Singers, Swan Silvertones, the Caravans, Dorothy Love Coates and the Gospel Harmonettes, and Maceo Woods; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records even released comedy on LPs, with records by Dick Gregory, and Them Poems, Mason Williams' early nightclub act recorded with a live studio audience in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Vee-Jay Records were pioneers who contributed immensely to black art and culture, entrepreneurship, black pride, diversity, and gave opportunities to all the persons it recorded, released and employed including those who received Grammys, American Music Awards and are Inductees in the Rock N Roll and Blues Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Vivian Carter-Bracken, James Bracken, and Calvin Carter, Founders and Owners of Vee-Jay Records and praise their contributions to the African-American art and culture of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**19-1959
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, ALMA E. ANAYA,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,
BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,**

**KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING DR. LYN HUGHES, FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
PULLMAN PORTER MUSEUM**

WHEREAS, Dr. Lyn Hughes, a former international entertainer - now an activist and scholar - moved to Chicago in the late 1980s; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, she began speculating real estate on Chicago's south side and discovered the Pullman historic district; and

WHEREAS, after discovering an important slice of African American history, in 1995 Dr. Hughes founded The National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum (NAPRPPM), a public museum located in the National Park Service-Pullman National Monument on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, not only is the museum about history, it's founding also made history by being founded by an African American female with predominantly private funds, and to this day operates on an entrepreneurial model; and

WHEREAS, NAPRPPM is the first Black Labor History Museum in the United States that exclusively tells the story of A. Philip Randolph, a New York magazine publisher, turned union organizer and civil rights leader, who after organizing the Pullman Porters in 1925, became founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; and

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was the first African American labor union in America to be chartered under the American Federation of Labor, and the first to win a collective bargaining agreement with a major U.S corporation, the Pullman Company; and

WHEREAS, the museum presents and interprets content intended to educate the public on the impact the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters union had on organized labor and on America's modern day civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the registry garnered the interest of Amtrak, who partnered with the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum and developed a national program using the registry to locate, acknowledge and honor surviving members of the union, in ceremonies nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes's dedication and efforts to illuminate the museum's existence and its thematic content has resulted in global recognition in the tourism industry, for its unique interpretation of this significant component of American history; and

WHEREAS, the museum attracted the attention of the SHOWTIME network and inspired the creation of the 2003 docudrama, *10,000 Black Men Named George*, yielding an interest in history, of an entirely new generation; and

WHEREAS, the interest in the history Hughes excavated continued, and garnered the attention of ABC's Good Morning America, who was prompted to bring their crew to Chicago to the boutique museum and film a segment on the Pullman Porters; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Dr. Jon Jarvis, then, director of the National Park Service also made his way to Chicago to see the museum and meet Dr. Lyn Hughes; and

WHEREAS, in February 2015, President Barack Obama designated the historic Pullman District a national monument; and

WHEREAS, the museum has now made history again by becoming a historical black history site in Chicago's national park service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Dr. Lyn Hughes, founder of the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum and praise her essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

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RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, ALMA E. ANAYA,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,
BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING JIM PETERIK, MUSICIAN AND SONGWRITER

WHEREAS, from 1964 to the present day, Jim Peterik has been a founding member of Chicago's own musical group The Ides of March, known throughout the world for their hit record "Vehicle" and their equally popular "L.A. Goodbye," both of which were written and performed by Jim; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, as an original member of the Chicago Rock Band “Survivor” Jim Peterik co-wrote “The Eye of the Tiger” for the hit movie “Rocky III,” and additional songs for the movie that reached platinum status, resulting in the sale of over 40 million copies; and

WHEREAS, from the 1980’s to the present day, Jim has written, or co-written smash hit songs for groups such as .38 Special, The Beach Boys, and Sammy Hagar; and

WHEREAS, Jim has influenced and inspired countless songwriters through his best-selling book “Songwriting for Dummies” his memoirs “Through The Eye of the Tiger” and his numerous educational seminars throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Jim has donated his talent and services to many charities, including the campaign to raise funds for Chicago’s Holy Name Cathedral, after their disastrous fire in 2008, and The San Miguel Schools in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Jim has won several awards, including a Grammy award for “Eye of the Tiger” in 1983, a People’s Choice award, and a nomination for an Academy Award (Oscar) in the same year; and

WHEREAS, Jim was born and raised in Berwyn, and has remained a resident of Cook County his entire life, and continues to be an ambassador of Chicago in his extensive travels throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Jim Peterik and praise his essential contributions to the musical and artistic culture of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 20th of February 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on March 20, 2019, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-6705.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen A. Yarbrough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "Y".

KAREN A. YARBROUGH
County Clerk